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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
The Governor Hicks House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Water Street				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Vienna				
STATE			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Dorchester	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition:		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific    _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
J. Lewis Baker				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
P.O. Box 54				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Vienna			Maryland	
			21869	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
High Street				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Cambridge			Maryland	
			21613	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 66/438				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
Historic American Building Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Washington			D.C.	
			20201	

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncltered
	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>By far the most sophisticated Federal townhouse in Vienna is the Governor Hicks House, located on the corner of Water and Church Streets. Its three-bay facade is covered by a 1-story porch which partially conceals the pediment above the rectangular transom and part of the sunburst. In the middle of the fluted pilasters are gouge-carved rosettes and in place of the capitals are sun disc carvings. Rope molding and other intricate details are seen around the entrance. Beneath the main "A" roof, the fascia also possesses more detail than any other in the town, with alternating blocks of reeding. Two exterior brick chimneys on the gable are similar to the others in Vienna, but are taller and more finely laid. The entire house still retains its original beaded clapboard. Behind the house and set more to the north stands the kitchen wing with central chimney.</p> <p>The interior is divided into side stair hall and two parlors. Each room possesses original woodwork which is relatively plain, the mantels having a small amount of reeding, etc.</p> <p>The house is in good condition and in no danger.</p>	

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☒ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |   |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |   |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lot #37 on Thames Street was taken up by Leonard Jones in 1706 at the layout of Vienna for 35 pounds of tobacco to Lord Baltimore, 100 pounds to James Anderson as lessee, and 15 pounds to William Marret, his tenant. Jones was allowed 40 pounds for assistance in laying out the town. He was also one of the 40 people who protested the building of a second Chapel of Ease between Vienna and Cambridge in about 1728.

John C. Henry and James Steele each owned an undivided half interest in lots 36 and 37. When James Steele died prior to 1819, his son's half interest was described by appraisers: "On said lot there is at present a commodious store-house, nearly finished, two new smoke-houses, and an old kitchen, the whole inclosed by a fence," May, 1820. Colston bought Henry's half interest for \$400, and on the basis of that price the appraisers recommended the same price for Isaac Nevitt Steele's half interest, which was accepted, and both deeds were executed in 1823, being \$800 total price for lots 36 and 37. The above is from Dorchester Chancery Cause #32.

In 1833 Jeremiah Colston sold the above two lots and a water lot in front to Thomas H. Hicks for \$2250. Hicks bought several other properties in the town and vicinity in the next few years. Aug. 26, 1841, Hicks sold to Henry Wilcox all his property in and around Vienna except the Vienna Academy for \$3250.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	0	'	"		0	'	"	0	'
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**Acreage Justification:**

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		
ORGANIZATION		DATE
Maryland Historical Trust		Summer, 1972
STREET AND NUMBER:		
Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	
Annapolis	Maryland	21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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<p>1. STATE <b>Maryland</b>  COUNTY <b>Dorchester</b>  TOWN <b>Vienna</b> VICINITY  STREET NO. <b>Water Street</b></p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER  ORIGINAL USE <b>dwelling</b>  PRESENT OWNER <b>J. Lewis Baker</b>  PRESENT USE <b>dwelling</b>  WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>frame</b>  NO. OF STORIES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>D-145</b></p> <p>2. NAME <b>The Governor Hicks House</b></p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD <b>c. 1790</b>  STYLE  ARCHITECT  BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>no</b></span></p> <p>By far the most sophisticated Federal townhouse in Vienna is the Governor Hicks House, located on the corner of Water and Church Streets. Its three-bay facade is covered by a 1-story porch which partially conceals the pediment above the rectangular transom and part of the sunburst. In the middle of the fluted pilasters are gouge-carved rosettes and in place of the capitals are sun disc carvings. Rope molding and other intricate details are seen around the entrance. Beneath the main "A" roof, the fascia also possesses more detail than any other in the town, with alternating blocks of reeding. Two exterior brick chimneys on the gable are similar to the others in Vienna, but are taller and more finely laid. The entire house still retains its original beaded clapboard. Behind the house and set more to the north stands the kitchen wing with central chimney.</p> <p>The interior is divided into side stair hall and two parlors. Each room possesses original woodwork which is relatively plain, the mantels having</p> <p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <span style="float: right;">Endangered Interior Exterior</span></p> <p>a small amount of reeding, etc.</p> <p>The house is in good condition and in no danger.</p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>	<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>
<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <b>mob</b></p> <p>Michael Bourne  Maryland Historical Trust</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD <b>Summer, 1972</b></p>	



2 SHOTS: (4.3) @ 121%

(D-145) 56% 1.3x1.89

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Don. Hicks House

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- Gov. Hicks House, Vienna

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M. Bowne 6/72